TRANSFORMING STATE GOVERNMENT

SINCE GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON TOOK OFFICE IN 2015, HE HAS CONTINUED TO IDENTIFY A NUMBER OF EFFICIENCIES AND COST-SAVING MEASURES TO STREAMLINE STATE OPERATIONS AND PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE POCKET OF HARD-WORKING ARKANSANS.

THERE ARE
APPROXIMATELY
1,100 FEWER
EMPLOYEES IN
STATE GOVERNMENT
AS A RESULT OF THE
GOVERNOR'S HIRING
FREEZE, SAVING THE
STATE MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS.

2015

On Governor Hutchinson's first day in office, he institutes a **hiring freeze** for all Executive Branch agencies. This ongoing effort is foundational to government transformation in that it provides the Governor with a mechanism to review open positions to determine whether or not they're necessary. This has proven to be an effective and prudent approach to eliminate waste and efficiently staff government agencies.

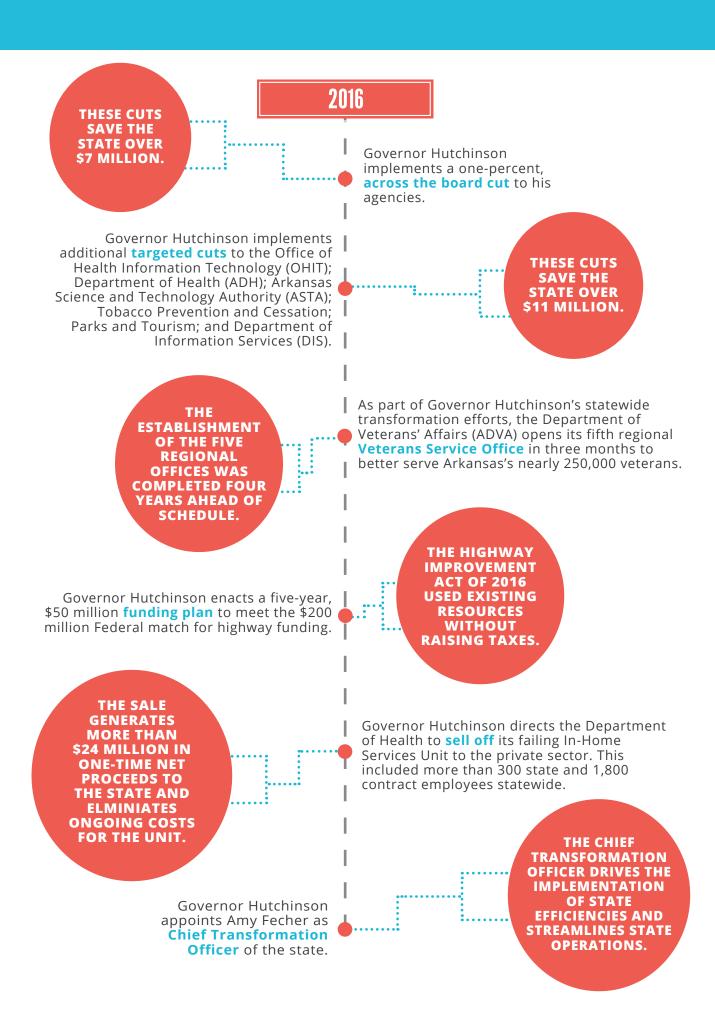
With the stroke of a pen, Governor Hutchinson kept his signature promise by signing into law a \$102 million income tax cut for middle-class Arkansans.

THE MIDDLE
CLASS INCOME
TAX CUT OF
2015 IS THE
LARGEST CUT
TO THE INCOME
TAX RATE IN
ARKANSAS
HISTORY.

AS A RESULT OF THESE MERGERS, THE STATE WILL SAVE MORE THAN \$10 MILLION OVER FIVE YEARS.

Governor Hutchinson, with support from the General Assembly, consolidates the first of several agencies, saving taxpayer dollars and creating a more efficient way to serve Arkansans. A list of consolidations can be found on Page Five.

Governor Hutchinson launches an **organizational review** of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS). He taps Lieutenant Governor Tim Griffin to lead the effort. THE LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR'S
REVIEW PROVIDES
SUBSTANTIVE
INSIGHT THAT
HAS BEEN
HELPFUL IN
ORGANIZATIONAL
REFORMS AT DHS.



2017 AT THE TIME, THIS **TAX CUT WAS** Governor Hutchinson signs his second income THE SECONDtax cut into law—a \$50.5 million cut for low-LARGEST CUT TO income Arkansans. THE INCOME-TAX RATE IN ARKANSAS Governor Hutchinson HISTORY. signs into law the new **THIS NEW Higher Education FORMULA Productivity** CHANGES THE WAY Funding Formula for **INSTITUTIONS OF** Arkansas's colleges **HIGHER EDUCATION** and universities. **ARE FUNDED BASED** TAB IS CHAIRED **UPON STUDENT BY MIKE PROGRESS RATHER** Governor Hutchinson CARROLL, A THAN STUDENT establishes the **SMALL BUSINESS ENROLLMENT. Transformation** OWNER IN FORT **Advisory Board SMITH, AND** (TAB), volunteers from **VICE-CHAIRED** both the public and **BY LIEUTENANT** private sectors who **GOVERNOR TIM** work to identify cost-**GRIFFIN.** savings within state Governor Hutchinson, government. with support from the **AS A RESULT OF** General Assembly, consolidates nine THESE MERGERS, THE STATE WILL more state agencies, **SAVE MORE** streamlining services THAN \$500,000 and saving taxpayer dollars. A list of ANNUALLY. Governor Hutchinson THE LONG-TERM consolidations is on creates Arkansas's first **RESERVE FUND** Page Five. **Long Term Reserve** HAS INCREASED **Fund** by reallocating **BY MORE THAN** approximately \$100 \$20 MILLION IN million from the Healthy **INTEREST EARNINGS** Century Trust Fund to **SINCE 2017 WITH A** establish a long-term CURRENT BALANCE Governor Hutchinson dedicated savings OF \$124 MILLION. launches Myldea, TO DATE, THE mechanism for the STATE HAS a direct line to state. state agencies that RECEIVED MORE gives Arkansans a **THAN 850** chance to contribute **IDEAS FROM** ideas for ways to ARKANSANS, improve services, AND AGENCIES increase efficiencies, **ARE BUSY** CHANGES INCLUDE A save money, and **IMPLEMENTING** WORK REQUIREMENT MANY OF THEM. streamline state **FOR PROGRAM** government. **RECIPIENTS & LOWER THE INCOME** THRESHOLD FROM 138% OF THE FEDERAL Governor Hutchinson, with support from the

General Assembly, requests a waiver from

the Trump Administration to incorporate

Arkansas Works program.

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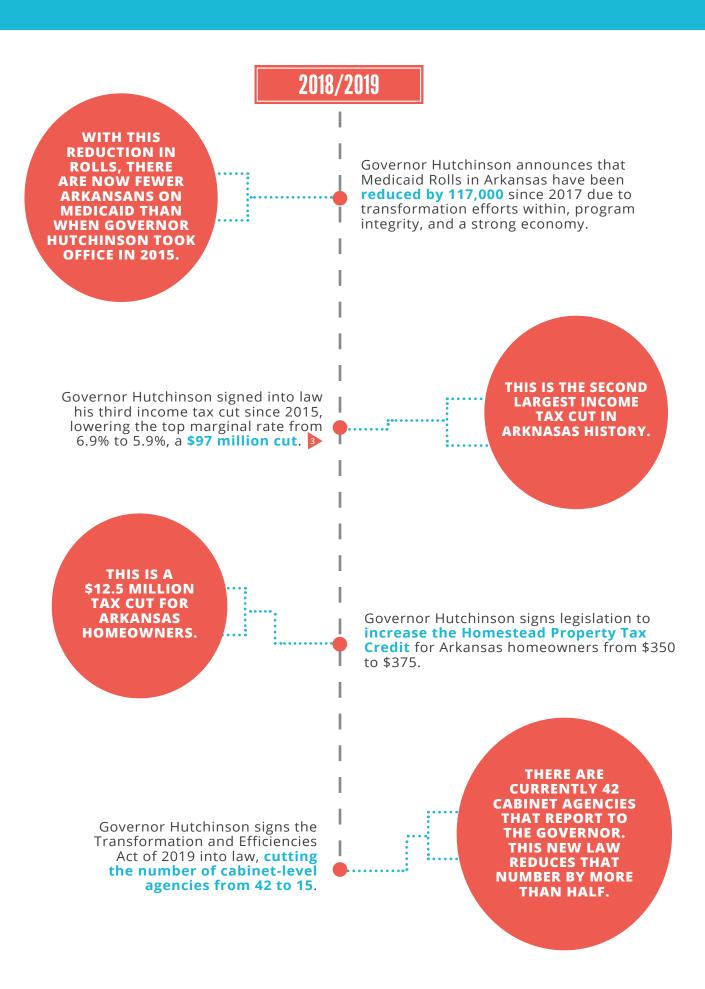
POVERTY LEVEL

(FPL) TO 100%,

REDUCING ROLLS

BY APPROXIMATELY

60,000.



FURTHER Information

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2015 consolidations include: (1) Arkansas Department of Rural Services into the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC); (2) Science and Technology Authority (ASTA) into the AEDC; (3) Division of Land Survey into the Arkansas Geographic Information Office (AGIO); and (4) Arkansas Building Authority (ABA) into the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

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2017 consolidations include: (1) Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT) into the Arkansas Department of Health (AHD); War Memorial Stadium into Parks and Tourism; Energy Office at AEDC into the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ); Student Loan Authority into the Arkansas Department of Finance Authority (ADFA); Board of Private Career Education into the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE); Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board into the DHS Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS); Embalmers Board, Funeral Directors Board into the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID); Cemetery Board into the AID; and the Burial Association Board into the AID.

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Since 2015, Governor Hutchinson has cut the income tax rate in Arkansas by nearly \$250 million, annually. As a result, every Arkansas taxpayer has received tax relief.

